



CHIEF G. JOSEPH WISE

**IMPORTANT  
NUMBERS:**

**Emergency**  
911

**Non-  
Emergency**  
(614) 277-1710

**Crime  
Prevention**  
(614) 277-1765

**Anonymous  
Tip Line**  
(614) 277-1808

**Investigative  
Bureau**  
(614) 277-1750



MAYOR RICHARD L. STAGE  
CITY OF GROVE CITY

# The Groves City Division of Police

## CRIME ALERT

**RE:           REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**  
**DATE:       February 25, 2009**

Recognizing and immediately reporting suspicious behavior to law enforcement can greatly reduce the risk of harm and loss of property. The following is a general guideline of how to determine 'suspicious behavior' and reporting procedures.

### SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES

- Slow moving vehicles, and/or the course followed appears aimless or repetitive.
- Vehicles being loaded with valuables, especially if parked in front of a closed business or unattended residence.
- Abandoned Vehicles.

### SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR INVOLVING VEHICLES

- Attempting forcibly to enter a locked vehicle.
- Detaching mechanical parts or accessories from a vehicle especially in a parking lot.
- Apparent business transactions conducted from a vehicle.
- Persons being forced into vehicles, especially if juveniles or females.

### SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR INVOLVING PEOPLE

- Someone going door-to-door in a residential area if after a few houses are visited, one or more of the subjects goes into a back or side yard. More suspicious if another remains in the front when this occurs.
- Someone waiting in front of a house or business when the owners are absent, or if it is a business and the establishment is closed.
- Someone forcing entrance to or tampering with a residence, business, vehicle, etc.
- A person running, especially if something of value is being carried.

### OTHER SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- Open or broken windows at closed businesses or residences whose owners are temporarily absent.
- Unusual noises such as gunshots, screaming, breaking glass, or any noise that is suggestive of foul play.
- Continuous traffic that comes and goes to the same location, usually staying for very short periods of time.



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### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING

Are you aware of anyone who does not appear to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or near a facility, or who is doing something suspicious? **Write down what you see right away** because studies indicate that after just a couple minutes, the accuracy of remembered details is easily lost.

Report them immediately to the police at (614) 277-1710, or 911 in emergency situations. If you are reporting a crime-in-progress, emphasize that point first when talking with the Dispatcher. Then, stay on the phone to give the Dispatcher additional information.

Print this form and keep it handy for quick use when needed.

### SUSPICIOUS PERSON OR ACTIVITY DETAILS

#### PERSON:

- Sex \_\_\_\_\_
- Race \_\_\_\_\_
- Height/Weight \_\_\_\_\_
- Build (medium, heavy) \_\_\_\_\_
- Hair (color, length, include facial hair) \_\_\_\_\_
- Complexion (light, dark, olive) \_\_\_\_\_
- Peculiarities (scars, tattoos, missing limbs) \_\_\_\_\_
- Clothing (from head to toe, style, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- Weapons (if any) \_\_\_\_\_
- Method of transportation (direction, vehicle, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

#### VEHICLE:

- License Plate (most important) \_\_\_\_\_
- Year, make, model & color \_\_\_\_\_
- Body type (2 door, 4 door, van, SUV) \_\_\_\_\_
- Passengers (number of people in vehicle) \_\_\_\_\_
- Damage or anything unusual (logos, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

#### ACTIVITY:

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#### REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO:

Grove City Division of Police  
**911 ..... Emergency**  
**(614) 277-1710 ..... Non-Emergency**